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MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1916.

Hopewell's Birthday.

ON April 13, the youngest of Virginia's sisterhood of cities, Hopewell, will have attained the mature age of one year. Wherefore she is going to give a birthday party; not a party of the kind usually given by those of tender years, but a great, big ball, such as marks the debut of an officially grown-up young lady. And this is as it should be, for Hopewell is not only grown up, but she is the biggest city of her age in the world. She has been through many trials-her schooldays. so to speak, were not all pleasant-but now prosperity and progress lie before her, and all good wishes will go with her as she speeds on.

If the hair of a dog is good for a bite, a Mexican is in great danger of hydrophobia.

Another Lusitania Crime?

OMIRAL VON TIRPITZ'S retirement seemed to many to betoken abandonment by Germany of its policy of frightfulness on the sea; it was believed that the inhumane submarine warfare against peaceful ships had come to an end. Even now, that theory may hold good, but the recent attack on the English ship. Sussex, easts doubt on its tenability.

All the facts are not known yet, of course, but latest reports indicate another Lusitania erime, in intent, if not in effect. Whether the American passengers on the Sussex lost their ives by drowning or were injured by explosions does not affect the question. If they were killed or injured while traveling on a peaceful vessel, whether belonging to Great Britain of to any other belligerent, by a German attack, launched without warning and due precautions, their case is on all fours with that of the Lucitania victims, whose taurder came within a shade of bringing about reverance of relations between this country d Germany

see Napoleon, we believe, had a plan to invade England. Remember what became of Napoleon

Action and Talk

O'R Republican friends are bitter—now in their denunciation of what they term Democratic failure to provide adequately for the country's defense. They tear their hair, they split the circumambient air, they attack the starry firmament with wild imprecations. To hear them talk, one would think the Democrats were reversing a Republican policy and destroying a condition of preparedoblished by Republican patriotism and foresight.

The facts hardly justify this view. The Republicans were in power for sixteen years. and if they did anything for preparedness except talk, the records do not reveal it. What is being done, is being done by Demoerats. Just how much will be done will not he known before the House and Senate conforces have concluded their labors, but the least that is being considered is a doubling of the effective fighting strength of the army end navy. The Democrats will be able to their political opponents.

A serious play in New York turned out to he a comedy. Many a comedy has turned out to be a serious thing for the producer.

Save the Pencil Stubs

A COMMING to commercial reports, the country is threatened with another shortage, which will compel it to revert to the custom of the fathers and save its pencil stubs. A veritable pencil famine appears to be on its way, due, of course, to the European war. There is enough of lead, graphite and wood in America to supply the demand for ordinary penells, it is said, but many of the other "makings" are scarce almost to the disappearing point

The dyes that are used in manufacturing the orange, red, yellow and blue varnishes with which the better grade pencils are coated are obtainable only at almost prohibitory prices, while the particular dye that is the distinguishing component of copying pencils-methyl violet-is practically exhausted. Munition manufacturers are helping to create the shortage in rubber-tipped pencils, by using so much brase that comparatively little is left for the tips with which the rubber is attached.

If the scarcity increases, the pen will be mightier than the pencil.

If the European war continues another year, travelogue lecturers in this country will have to find some other way of making a

Abuses of Franking Privilege

A NOTHER protest against the abuse of the franking privilege by members of Congress is contained in a report of the House Printing Committee, just made public. The practices that have been tolerated in the past are inexcusable, and they should be stopped. No wonder, when the facts are as they are, that the government's printing bill is enormous and the Post-Office Department shows an annual deficit.

According to the report, "millions upon millions of franked envelopes, supplied free to members of Congress for their own use, have been turned over to private organizations to conduct mail campaigns." The committee charges "it has been no uncommon !

THE PISPATCH | thing for some members to order several hundred thousand, or even a million, franked envelopes and then send the entire lot to an organization having no connection whatever with the government, for its use in mailing extracts from the Congressional Record or public documents, that may also have been printed in its behalf at the expense of the

government." These practices should be declared unlawful, says the committee, and a heavy penalty attached. Of course, this should be done. It is to be remembered, however, that abuses of the franking privilege are only possible through the active connivance of Senators and Representatives, and that, if any reform is made, the offenders will have to reform themselves. Perhaps they will, but the cynical public will keep on doubting until the miracle actually has been wrought.

A bunch of Bedouins quit the Turks and surrendered to the British in order to get something to eat and "for protection." by "protection" they mean clothes, that will be easy, for the Bedouin isn't much of a dresser, but feeding the brute is a big undertaking

President Wilson's Charge.

DRESIDENT WILSON'S natural indignation, inspired by those agencies of exaggeration and misrepresentation that seek to bring about American intervention in Mexico. will be shared by the people of the United States. There could be no greater crime than to plunge this country unnecessarily into war.

Mr. Wilson makes the charge flatly. He speaks with authority, and it must be assumed that he has exact and specific evidence to support his words. He says:

It is my duty to warn the people of the United States that there are per-sons all along the border who are ac-tively engaged in originating and giv-ing as wide currency as they can to runners of the most sensational and dis-turbing sort, which are wholly unjusti-fied by the facts. The object of this traffic in falschood is obvious. It is to create intolerable friction between the create intolerable friction between the government of the United States and the de facto government of Mexico, for the purpose of bringing about interven tion in the interests of certain American owners of Mexican properties.

Unhappily, it is not quite true that such efforts necessarily are without potency. The temper of the Mexican population makes it incumbent on this government to deal delicately, as well as justly, with this situation. If the Mexicans can be brought to believe that American promises are made to be broken and that the expedition which has embarked on the capture of Villa will be transformed on the first favorable occasion into actual intervention in their internal affairs, the flame of war will be kindled. If Americans can be made to think that Carranza's agreement to co-operate is treacherous and unstable, and that the troops under General Pershing are placed thus in imminent danger of assault from their rear, public opinion in this country will be fanned into angry resentment. Conjunction and conflict of such opposing passions can have but one result.

In Washington to-day there is to be a meeting of Republican Senators and Representatives, called for the special purpose of forcing the President's hand. Of course, that purpose is disguised. The Republicans talk of heir desire to "Support the President," but they mean to support him in a policy he has disavowed and an ambition he does not entertair. They would force him into a course ton President and people want to avoid. They would compel intervention, which means war and the sacrifice of many thousands of American lives.

The President is right in appealing, against this menace, to the heart of the nation. We want no war which with honor we may escape. Those who would make war inevitable are enemies of their country, deserving an immortal infamy

Yuan Shi Kai, the uncrowned notentate of China, has canceled his coronation date and resumed the presidential siesta. If Y. S. K. ever wearies of the gyrating life he has had in the Land of the Dragon, he can easily get a job as acrobat in a circus.

Time to Go Ahead

O PPOSITION to carrying out the plans of the Treasury Department for giving as wearisome as a thrice-told tale. It is unreasonable and petulant-another exhibition point to a record of accomplishment, and of that jealousy and fault-finding with any contrast it with the merely vocal efforts of policy that may be determined on that has

served in the past to check the city's growth. It has been shown beyond any question whatever that enlargement of the existing post-office building will provide all the postal facilities that Richmond will need for thirty years, and possibly for a longer time. It has been demonstrated that every problem of engineering and ventilation can be solved easily. It has been proved that the present site is most convenient to the largest number of post-office patrons. An overwhelming majority of Richmond's business men have indorsed it. The Secretary of the Treasury has given his approval to the purchase of the adjoining lots. The money is available for this purchase, but for no other. Condemnation proceedings have been ordered instituted. Individual members of the City Council have agreed to dedicate a portion of Eleventh Street to the government, so that the plans may be realized.

Now the old fight starts all over again, Richmond is in some danger-fortunately, rather remote-of being deprived of better postal facilities for another term of years, merely because the government declines to do what an element in the community says it must do.

It is tiresome -very tiresome. This sort of thing hurts Richmond. Isn't it about time to go ahead and do something for the city's

Ormsby McHarg, the chameleon of the party outside the breastworks, is again exercising his jaws. His latest ramifications make a column of nonpared, and rounds up on Du Pont. The munitions man would have a chance, if "the people really knew him." This is the year, Ormsby, when the people are not going to take chances on a man they don't know

One of our valued exchanges says, "Times come when we long for the good old days when the only atrocities were found on the fashion page." Great Scott, old man, what's the matter with the atrocities you see on the streets every day?

At a dollar dinner in Lincoin, Neb., Mr. Bryan accused an enemy of being willing to do anything for money. What reply the "enemy" made is not reported, but most likely he said, "You're another."

SEEN ON THE SIDE

He's a Bear.

Yes, that bear we know as Russian Must the heart of Mars delight; It admits of no discussion

That he does know how to fight When we hear that he's defeated And for mercy soon will beg, Then the bear, so badly treated, Bites the hunter in the leg

Oft the double-headed eagle Says the bear has met his fate, And prepares, in manner regal, To enjoy that bear's estate; So it really is quite shocking

To that eagle, as he sings. That the bear he has been knocking Pulls the feathers from his wings.

Shaggs Says: Oh, well, call it spring, and then shut up,

Maybe It Was.

'See any robin out your way, yet?" "Somebody said it was a robin, but it looked more like a snowball with feathers on it.

Telling the Teacher. "Tommy, the boy at the foot of the class says circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle. Now what do you say?"

"That's a doughnut before it's cooked. Shakespeare Day by Day.

is bound in shallows and in miseries."

For the true:

For the man who knows There is a tide in the affairs of men Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life

-Julius Caesar, iv. 3. They that stand high have many blasts to

shake them. And, if they fall, they dash themselves to nienes " -Richard III., t. 3.

They are as sick that For the glutton: ". surfeit too much as they that starve with nothing." The Merchant of Venice, i. 2.

--- Hamlet, L 2

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried. Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel; But do not dull thy palm with entertainment Of each new-hatched, unfledged comrade.

A Minute With the Cop.

"Hello cop, old top! how are things going" asked the cit of the cop on a Main Street

"They're not goin', but they're coming', an' you'd better heat it. Get off that track:

The Sent of Disease. "Paw, which side is the heart on"

"Every heart should be on the right sole "Then where's the liver?" "On the doctor's side."

There is nothing so powerful as truth-and often nothing so strange,--- Daniel Webster. There is little or nothing in this life worth living for, but we can all of us go straight forward and do our duty .- Duke of Welling-

Like the measies, love is most dangerous when it comes late in life.-Lord Byron. The rule in carving holds good as to criticism never cut with a knife what you can cut with

a spoon - Charles Buxton Let posterity cheer for us .- George Vashing-

Quite Remote. "Rector, would you advise me to marry man with a view of reforming him?" "That is a view, my dear, in which distance lends enchantment.

Joys of Commuting.

"How far do you live from the city?" "By train, six miles; but most of the time it's about twenty," "I don't get you."

"Then you have never had any experience

Depends Upon the Man.

Hooker Here is an author who says a sense of humor is what keeps poets as well as other people from making fools of themselves. Listner-Where there's a woman in the case a sense of humor won't save the day.

Up to the Neighbors.

"So you are going to the country for the Richmond better post-office facilities becomes summer-what are you going to name your "That will depend upon the kind of people

who will live near-by." Giving Him Pointers.

New Messenger Boy-How long will it take me to tun this message? Old Hand-Got a bicycle or toller skates?

"Den you don't run any. Jes loaf on de way

To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke. Snappy Young Wife-To be frank with you were to die, I should certainly marry

Harassed Husband-I've no objection. not going to worry about the troubles of fellow i shall never know .-- Louisville Courier-

Of all the bores upon this earth, Of all the foes to kindly mirth, The worst is that mad pest Who says, "Here's one that's good and new

And then proceeds to torture you With prehistoric jest.

Chats With Virginia Editors

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says "we are living at a gallop." That is, of course, since the Legislature adjourned—Blackstone Cou-

Truly, there is no rose without its thorn. Hear the Radford Record: "Yes, we can afford an automobile. But who can afford to buy gasoline? All of which reminds us, of what use is the thing without fuel?"

"At the present and ever-increasing price of paper, it is certainly costing something to print all the war news," says the Chase City Progress, Well, leave out some of it and perhaps your readers will be better satisfied.

The Gordonsville Gazette, which, if we mis-take not, is edited largely by a good woman, carries this suggestive paragraph: "It is sus-pected that the bishop, who has announced that angels are redheaded, has a wife of whom he is a bit friebtened." The Bristol Herald-Courief says: "Our idea of a safe and sane outdoor sport isn't traveling on merchant ships armed for offensive purposes." It may be well to explain that Bristol is away up yonder in the mountains, where no merchant ships ever go.

llow do you account for the "epidemie res" throughout the South? It is a stra fires' throughout the South? It is a strange thing how misfortunes do come in bunches.— Newport News Times-Herald. Don't try to ac-count for them. That is the business of the In the meantime an "epiinsurance companies, demic of fires" some sometimes helps business won

In the following, from the Louisa Virginian, there is a whole lot of curiousness that is hard to explain: "Sure enough, the Legislature certainly tried itself in those last few days. Un-

der the antigambling law, if two men flip up a coin to see who pays for the cigars, it is the duty of the State's authorities to haul them into court and convict them of gambling. The mildest possity for the offense is six months imprisonment. If the officers of the law feel any hesitancy us sending a leading citizen or an estimable lady to jull, all necessary machinery is provided to oust him from office. It might have been inserted in the ouster law that it shall be the particular duty of the preachers to see that the ouster provision shall be made use of; otherwise his more radical be made use of; otherwise his more radical members will oust him."

News of Fifty Years Ago

(From the Richmond Dispatch, March 27, 1866.)

At the concert hall of the Exchange Hotel to-night, Mr. de Leon will deliver his great lecture on the war poetry of the South and accompany it with illustrative readings.

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Dan Castello's circus, the first to get down South after the cannons ceased to boom, at its opening performance, was a great thing for the negroes, or such of them as could find the cost of admission. Many of them found the cost for the big tent was well crowded yesterday afternoon and last night with the new citizens. They laughed at the clown, they hurtailed over the trick horse "Andy Johnson," and went wild over the dancing horse "Caar." They also drank lemonade and took in all of the side shows they could find money to pay for. If Thad Stevens finally gives the negroes the right of suffrage, Dan Castello could easily be cleeted President of these United States.

It is said that the Richmond and Newport be elected President of these United States.
It is said that the Richmond and Newport
News Enifroad that was chartered by the late
legislature will undoubtedly be built. It is
true that the army-ridden people of the Penin-

sula have no money to put into the railroad, but there are well-grounded reports that New York money is coming to the rescue. The well-known Mr. Vanderbilt, a very wealthy citizen of New York, is said to be connected with the enternise. Rev. B. M. Smith, a distinguished Presbyte-rian elergyman of Virginia has published in the New York News a long letter to the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, commenting upon some of Beecher's statements against the South, and especially his strictures against Virginia. The letter is a sane and able defense of the Chris-tian white people of the South in general and of Virginia in particular.

A Washington dispatch tells us that it has been definitely settled that General Grant will make that long-talked-of trip to Europe; that he will so as the special envoy of the United States; that the trip will not cost him a cent, and that the Navy Department is looking up a suitable vessel for his accommodation.

The number of students at the Washington

The number of students at the Washington College at Lexington is increasing daily. The college will ere long take rank with the highest and best educational institutions in the country. It could not be otherwise with General Robert E. Lee at the head of R. Miss Susan Wadley, a lady, has been appointed postmaster at Hightown, Va., for the simple reason that she was the only person, male or female, in all of that country who could take the oath required; and she could not have done it had she not been "down sick" all of the four years of the war.

years of the war.

Mr. Moulton, of Illinois, read a long, written speech to empty chairs in the House of Representatives yesterday, denouncing the policy of the President and taking ground against the admission to the Union of any of the Southern States which formed the Confederacy. He was followed by Mr. Myers, of Pennsylvania, who spoke in the same strain and received about the same amount of applause from the empty benches.

The United States Senate was not in session yesterday, and no harm was done. Sumner, however, is yet to be heard from.

The message of the President vetoing the civil rights hill has been prepared, signed and delivered to the proper messenger. It will hit Congress like a windstorm to-day.

It is semiodicially announced from Washington that Congress will not, at this session, make any changes in the income tax law. Hev Moses D Hoge, D. D. pastor of the Second Pressysterian Church, is quite sick at his tome. His pulpit will be filled by a Baptist minister to-morrow.

The Voice of the People

Professor Edmund Harrison.

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To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—The whole life of Professor Harrison, notice of whose death recently appeared in your columns, was a complete and unusual circumstance. Married for over fifty years, this great period may be said to have been, in the latiguage of President Cleveland, one long, sweet song. The father of eight children, all of whom were married, and the grandfather and great-grandfather of many others, he was the first of this harge family to see death. Professor Harrison was a very handsome man, six the first of this large family to see death, Pro-fessor Harrison was a very handsome man, six feet tall and, to his last day, as straight as an indian; and as, seemingly, he felt that he was on parade, he was always careful to appear the well-grouned and stylish gentleman. He had a very high sense of personal dignity, and he was at home in any society, and he would not feel ill at east in the presence of breather. was at home in any society, and he would not feel ill at ease in the presence of President. Using or Emperor. He was a high man, and when that can be said of one, it is the highest encomium that can be paid one. Professor Harrison was a devout Earlist, and for many years he filled a Baptist pulpit until the infirmities of advancing life forced him to retire. Many are the students he taught at the Richmond College, and he was honored and beloved by all of them. For some years Professor Harrison, having done his work, retired from public life and ended his days quietly at the home of his youngest son in Greenshore, N.C. His death—stricken with apoplexy while sitting in his chair—was a fitting end of a long, unclud and honorable career.

March 24, 1916.

talls on Chamber of Commerce,

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—The Chamber of Commerce has done of for Richmont, and especially has this been ductor the past ten years. Progressive To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Siz.—The Chamber of Commerce has done much for Richmond, and especially has this been the case during the past ten years. Progressive and successful men have steered the organization with wisdom and prudeire, and there has been a co-operative spirit on the part of the membership to assist in every landable undertaking. At a revent meeting of the chamber suggestions were asked along the line of beneficial work, the management indicating a desire to grasp and use the best in behalf of Richmond. No greater question has arisen concerning the commercial and material growth of the city than the one now knocking at the door of Richmond's opportunity. It is one that will have great to do with Richmond's future growth. It is the union depot question. When the great jobbing interest of Richmond, representing invested capital of about \$75,000,000, demand that the union depot be at Main and Fifteenth Streets for the city's future, here is a suggestion that should excite the chamber's activity. When the Travelers' Protective Association strongly declares that the downtown station is the most convenient for shippers and travelers, here is another suggestion for the Chamber of Commerce. When the business men of South Richmond express themselves, as they did quite forcibly a year or so ago, that a downtown station would best subserve the city, here is another suggestion for the Chamber of Commerce management to be weighed in the scales of their wisdom. When the judgment of expert engineers show that Main and Fifteenth Streets is the logical place for the union depot, provided by nature, here is a suggestion which should be carried out, particularly since the chamber management a short while ago declared unalterable opposition to Richmond's being sidetracked by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Richmond, when he particularly since the chamber management a short while ago declared unalterable of commerce give attention to, thut why ask for new suggestions when old ones cannot be improved on? W Richmond, March 20.

Queries and Answers

Verses Wanted.

Can you get for me the poem, "Ostler Joe" Emporia, Va.
Will some reader kindly send it?

Two Dates. My parents were born January 4th and De-cember 6, 1874. Please tell me what days of the week the two dates were. MISS L. L. B. Both Sunday

Hats in Theaters.
Is there an ordinance, law or police regulation requiring women to remove their hats in the Richmond theaters?

J. W. SMITIL So far as we have been able to find, there is no city ordinance, and there is certainly no law. Theaters, etc., are regarded to have the

"Willie at the Rat Hole!"

One of the Day's Best Cartoons.



BIRMINGHAM USES ITS NEW RIVER BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 26.-By plied the opportunity to make up that building seventeen locks and dams deficiency. For example, by the river across the Black Warrior River, Uncle Sam has practically presented the new Orleans for tess than half of what it Sam has practically presented the pro- costs by rail. ple of this city with a fine navigable river. The work cost the government | The most immediate and obvious on \$17.000,000, and required twelve years portunity the river aords is to ship to finish, and the Birmingham people coal to Mobile by water, and this already is being done by several comare deeply appreciative of the boon panies. One of them has established that the nation as a whole has con-line of self-actuating barges-great

ferred upon them. "The Black Warrior River and What conversation and a large news in Birmingham right now. The city is going to extend its limits to the banks of the river. It is already shipping coal to Mobile by boat, and its shipping coal to Mobile by boat, and its way all the year round. This is sufficient for all tugboats and barges. shipping coal to Mobile by boat, and it expects to bring back ores and fer-tilizers. The wholesalers see a new chance to reach seaward, and to force lower rates out of the railroads. The lower rates out of the railroads. The lower rates out of the railroads. The iron and steel makers assert that they will now supply Texas with nails and wire, and reach the Cuban market in a single shipment from their own home terminals. In a word, the possibilities seem almost unlimited, and the city is making good progress toward their realization.

The Birmingham coal people are now hent upon having the navy use Alabama coal, so that Mobile maybe come a coaling station for vessels operating in Gulf waters. They claim that a government test has proved the value

Warrior has been a navigable stream below Demopolis, a little city half-way to the sea and as long age as 1856 steamers came up to Tuscaloosa during high water. But that did not do Birmingham much good. The city is only twelve miles from the river, but at that point it was only a big hat at that point it was only a one mountain stream a couple of hundred yards wide, full of riffles and shoals, and often so low in the summer that

a man could wade across Stream Turned Into River.

Now that same stream has been converted by modern engineering into a river half a mile wide on an average, thirty to fifty feet deep in many places, and navigable for large barges all the way to the sea. The narrow mountain or the sea. The narrow mountain by way of their new water route. One creaks that once came sumbling into which is one of the few in the world that actually reaches from the mountains to the sen, and one of the few in the United States that maintains a uniform navigable depth, free from ice, all the year round. Birmingham has resolved that the first step shall be to bring the city and the river together, resolved to excellent adventage. resolved that the first step shall be to bring the city and the river together, both to facilitate shipping and to prevent priva's capital from gaining control of water frontage, which should belong to the city as a whole. To accomplish this, the people of Birmingham plan to extend their corporate limits in a long strip clear to the banks of the river. It is not a project without precedent. Los Angeles brought itself within touch of the Pacific Coast by exactly the same measure, and has by exactly the same measure, and has enjoyed many practical benefits there-

Follow Los Angeles Plan.

The Birmingham people have made a careful study of the Los Angeles method, and will probably proceed in a similar manner. A strip of land about 200 yards wide, reaching from the city to the river, will become a part of the incorporation. Upon this will be built a fine macadamized bouleward and a passenger and fraight of the yard and a passenger and fraight of the process of the control of the process of the vard and a passenger and freight elec-tric line owned and run by the city. This line will carry both passengers and freight during the day, but handle the bulk of its freight at night. At the end of the strip will be the municipal terminals.

This, at least, seems to be the plan most generally agreed upon. There is abundant difference of opinion, wher fore this is not offered as authoritalive. The project has already gone as far as a preliminary survey of two routes by the county engineer, and hot battle of words hav been waged as to which route ought to be accepted. There are bound to be delays, but the people have fully made up their mind to the project, and there is little doubt but what it will ulfimately be carried out. It is estimated that it will cost the city \$1,000,000 to finish the project, terminals and all.

The completion of this great govern-The completion of this great government work has opened to Birmingham a wealth of opportunity at a single stroke. The industrial strength of the city lies in the fact that it has immense quantities of fron, coal and limestone so located in the mountains surrounding it that the force of gravity literally carries them to the doors of the furnaces, making tiem. furnaces, making Birm ingham a natural center of steel and iron manufacture. Her weakness has been the lack of cheap transportation. But perish not for a trifle. That is been the lack of cheap transportation. right to make reasonable rules, and the police will, in general, see that they are enforced.

Coal Moving by Water.

shallow-draft steamers, designed carry 2,000 tons of freight each. A The Black Warrier River and What We Are Going to Do With It' would make a good headline for most of the conversation and a large part of the news in Birmingham right now. The city is going to extend its limits to the banks of the river. It is already bingstone control to Mobile by water is 425 miles, and the river by water is 425 miles, and the river by making the force of gravity do most the banks of the river. It is already by water is 425 miles, and the river by miles are miles and the river by water is 425 miles, and the river by miles are miles and the river by water is 425 miles, and the river by making the force of gravity do most of freight each. Another has made a great saving in the loading process by dumping coal from a bridge directly into the barges, thus making the force of gravity do most of the work. More than half of the coal that goes from Birmingham to Mobile is alread;

The Black Warrior project is one of the most striking engineering feats that the government has ever accomplished. Lock seventeen, the recent completion of which brought navigable water within twelve miles of Birmingham, a mountain city, is said to be the highest lock in the world, for it holds back a head of water sixty-tree feet deep.

Since very early times the lack Warrior has been a navigable stream below Demopolis, a little city half-way to the sea and as long area.

fest waste, and the Birmingham business men are eagerly investigating to find what supplies the city could best obtain by the water route. The most available cargoes seem to be the ferromanganese ores, which Birmingham imports from Cuba, and the pebble phosphate that comes to the city from Florida for use in making fertilizer. Both of these commodities could be brought much more cheaply by water, and it is believed that these

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creeks that once came sumbling into company has already completed plans the Black Warrior have been confor a line of seagoing barges, which the Black Warrior have been converted into deep, navigable bayous, reaching back into the heart of the mountains where the Iron and coal are mined incidentally, Birminghan dead now has one of the most attractive waterways in the South for pleasure boating. Running between steep wooded mountains, and reaching its and other iron and steel products which Birmingham can thus place upon the boating. Running between steep H. Cuba needs the pipe, wire, tails wooded mountains, and reaching its and other iron and steel products which Birmingham can thus place upon the island at a very low cost. This is still the control of the control o cruising water; and, to add to the delight of sportsmen, both fish and wild ducks have appeared in great numbers. Exemples Just at present, however, Birmingham is primarily concerned with ways and means of utilizing this waterway, which is one of the few in the world that actually reaches from the means already purchased terminals in

and has strength of a single community, and sthere-open splendid opportunities for development and profit to the whole

After the Quarrel.

country.

We have quarreled; ugly things have been said. Bitter things, in a tone controlled, well

Temperate; we weighed our words, lest the lust Of cruelty lose the edge of being just. We have quarreled over a trifle, one of those trifles

That strike their roots to the very heart of each. To the cold and earthly places where even love stiffes And kindness and friendly habit can-

not reach: Those unexplored vaults of the spirit, black, unknown, Where each is a king, but a king ashamed, alone.

Afraid of the world, afraid of friend and foe. Oh, human creatures must quarrel, my dear, I know; But if we must, let's quarrel for some thing great, For something final and dangerous-

mastery, hate.
Freedom, or jealousy, virtue, death, or life; For then two loves leap up on the

wings of strife

sight. Locked together, joined, putting forth all their might That love may survive or fail, or perish

Into the sun and air of their own souls'

-Alice Duer Miller, in the Century.